

## REMARKS

### Status of the Claims

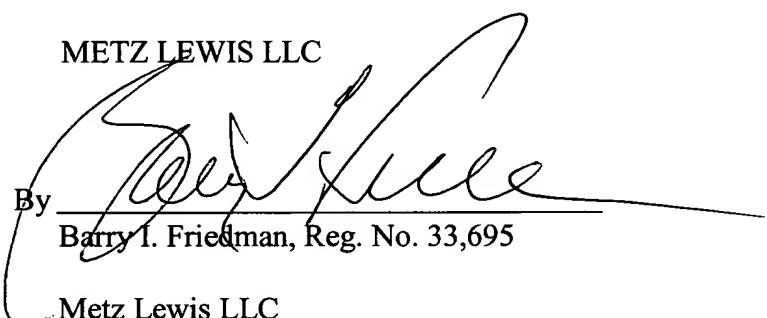
Claims 1, 4, 6-12 and 24-26 are currently pending in this application. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 13-19 and 23 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species or invention and the text of each withdrawn claim has been added. Claims 20-22 have been canceled by a previous amendment, and the status of each of claims 20-22 has been changed to reflect the same.

Applicant believes that the foregoing response represents the current status of each of the pending and canceled claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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